

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 9--22, 24-29, 31-34, and 36-41 are currently pending in the subject application and have received a Notice of Allowance dated January 16, 2009. Claims 1, 17, 29, 37, and 40 are amended After Notice of Allowance according to 37 CFR 1.312, as shown on pp. 2-8 of the Reply.

Applicants' representative thanks Examiner Lewis Bullock for the brief teleconference of April 13, 2009 wherein the above amendments after Allowance were discussed. Specifically, the phrase "tops of a stack" in claims 1, 17, 29, 37 and 40 is amended to recite "top of a stack", to more accurately reflect the wording employed in the Specification, and for proper grammatical usage. The Examiner indicated that, upon incorporating the foregoing suggestions, the above-cited claims should still be allowable. The above listing of claims therefore reflects what is believed to be an Allowance of claims 1-5, 7, 9--22, 24-29, 31-34, and 36-41 based on the above discussion and on the Notice of Allowance of January 16, 2009. Present for the telephonic discussion were Matthew Clapper (Reg. No. 62,216) and Examiner Bullock.

Favorable reconsideration of the subject patent application is respectfully requested in view of the comments and amendments herein.

CONCLUSION

The present application is believed to be in condition for allowance in view of the above comments and amendments. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

In the event any fees are due in connection with this document, the Commissioner is authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1063 [MSFTP428US].

Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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